

If the law is good then everybody ought to be in it, not just the few who spend a lot of money, or the few who spend some money, or the people who have some volunteer service people, or some have a lot. Let's get them all in. If the law is good let's enforce it, otherwise let's repeal the whole thing. I never did think the law was any good. We passed it at the end of the session, like we're coming up into now, with great haste, I felt. I didn't think we really knew what we were doing. We passed this thing. It was thrown together like some of the other laws at that time. I was a part of it at that time. I hope we don't run into it this session. Volunteer workers can always be paid later. They can always be given gratuities later. They can be compensated in many ways. Promising them a job, how do you account for this when you make your report? This law is ridiculous. Senator Luedtke doesn't think it is. Some of us do think it is. Now here we're starting to want to let people out of it. How do you even know who you're supporters are during a campaign? You may organize and get volunteer workers, but many volunteer workers you may not even know if they're working for you. So let's get everybody in. Let's keep them in. I don't think we should let anybody out. I repeat again, let's not let anybody out. Let's keep them all in. If the law is good, let's have it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Burrows.

SENATOR BURROWS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. If Senator Dworak is around I would like to ask him a couple of questions. I'm not sure I like this law to start with. I have four children from seven years to 20. They have helped me campaign. How would I cost in to this thing, and write in my campaign report? What charges would I assess to my seven year old daughter when she goes out and helps me circulate literature, if this would happen? Also for a 16 year old son, a 19, a 20 year old, my wife, what sort of cost structures am I going to assess in, and how would I rate that? How many dollars per hour?

SENATOR DWORAK: Senator Burrows, I think you make a very good point, the same point Senator Newell made, that it's impossible to cost out every minute piece like you just mentioned, or every dime, somebody gives a dime or a quarter, then it becomes not feasible. But if an organization has 15,000, or 250,000, or 100,000 members, and these members are committed to an hour a week, or two hours a week, or something like this, this is a terrific impact in a campaign. This is a significant contribution to a candidate and that must be reported. I'm not even saying that it needs to be converted to dollars. I'm not saying that that is even part of it. I do think in-kind services need to be reported. I think if you're running a phone bank, for example, and you have a particular organization, say a group of school teachers, or say a particular...maybe a labor organization, or an insurance association, or a realtor's association, and they get together and agree to man that phone bank for three hours a day for five hours a week, that ought to be reported, that is an in-kind service. That is all we're trying to do. We're not trying to nit-pick on whether your seven year old daughter goes out or not, Senator Burrows, or we're not trying to nit-pick on a little old lady that gives a dime or a quarter, that is not what we're trying to do. But significant contributions to a campaign, regardless of whether it's cash or in-kind, should be reported. You know what is good for the goose is good for the gander.